

Remarks

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims of this application, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, into one of the following Groups:

- I. Claims 1-3, 10 drawn to a plurality of polypeptides encoding a Fab library, comprising a plurality of vectors;
- II. Claim 4 drawn to a Fab library comprising a plurality of vectors;
- III. Claims 5-6, drawn to a method of making a plurality of polynucleotides encoding a Fab library;
- IV. Claim 7, drawn to a method of making a Fab library wherein the plurality of vectors are packaged into a plurality of capsid particles;
- V. Claim 8, drawn to a method for obtaining a Fab clone with specificity to a target; and
- VI. Claim 9, drawn to monoclonal Fab or polyclonal collection of Fab.

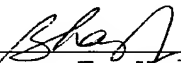
The Examiner contends that the inventions of Group I-VI are patentably distinct.

Applicant elects Group I claims for further prosecution in this application. This election is made expressly without waiver of applicant's right to file divisional or continuing applications directed to the inventions of the claims in the non-elected Groups and claiming priority and benefit from this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with applicant's representatives would assist the Examiner, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time. Applicant requests favorable consideration and early allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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